

Councilwoman Cartright and Eagle Scout Aidan Donnelly Make Deliveries to Local Food Pantries

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Kathy Vaeth, Church Outreach Coordinator, Joyce Bonitch, Treasurer Our Daily Bread, Aidan Donnelly and Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright at St. James Church in Setauket.



Jennifer Donnellon, Christian Formation Coordinator, Pat Lynch, Outreach Coordinator, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright and Aidan Donnelly at St. Gerard Majella Church in Port Jefferson Station.

Farmingville, NY - On July 14, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright joined Boy Scout Aidan Donnelly from Troop 362 in Centereach as he delivered supplies to two local area food pantries. In May, Aidan completed his service project, an osprey nest platform at West Meadow Beach. Due to the overwhelming support of the community and local businesses, Aidan's project ran a surplus and with the approval of Brookhaven Town, the project beneficiary, the Eagle Scout candidate supplied four local pantries with needed items. He thought use of the surplus to help others in need kept with the Boy Scouts call to service. This year, Aidan participated in food drives with the Suffolk County Council of Boy Scouts, his troop, and as part of his religious medal program. Aidan's service project was reviewed in early August and he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His ceremony will be held in the fall.

"After helping out at a local soup kitchen, I really saw the need in the community, and wanted to do what I could to help," said Donnelly.

"Our soup kitchens and food pantries need donations of food and year round volunteers. Many locations said they do not have enough volunteers in the summer," commented Councilwoman Cartright. "I encourage community members who are looking for ways to give back to the community to donate their time to this great cause."

The locations that benefitted from the surplus donations to Aidan Donnelly's Eagle Scout service project are:

St James Church
Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
429 NY-25A
Setauket- East Setauket, NY 11733
(631) 941-2731

Hope Lutheran Church
St Mark's Bread Food Pantry
46 Dare Road
Selden, NY 11784
(631) 732-2511

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Parish Social Ministry
20 Chestnut Street
Centereach, NY 11720
631-585-8760 x101

St. Gerard Majella
Community Outreach
300 Terryville Road
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776
(631) 473-2900

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